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SUBJECT: KORNIYENKO PROMOTION, GRAIN HARVEST, FOREIGN CURRENCY
CUTBACKS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH POL COUNSELOR OCTOBER 16, SOVIET-U.S.
FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY CHAIRMAN STEPUNIN SAID MFA USA DIVISION
HEAD KORNIYENKO HAD BEEN PROMOTED TO DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS EFFECTIVE MONDAY, OCTOBER 13. HE REMARKED THAT PRO-
MOTION CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED GREAT IMPORTANCE WHICH U.S.-SOVIET
RELATIONS HAVE IN SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY.

2. STEPUNIN ALSO SAID THAT THE SOVIET HARVEST IS VERY BAD AND THE
GRAIN DEAL CONSEQUENTLY IS VERY IMPORTANT, NOT ONLY FOR ITS
ECONOMIC IMPACT, BUT FOR ITS LONG-RANGE POLITICAL EFFECT ON
U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. IF THE SITUATION IS AS BAD AS HE UNDER-
STANDS IT TO BE, HE SAID, THERE WILL BE A CONSIDERABLE TIGHTENING
UP OF HARD CURRENCY OUTLAYS, WHICH WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT
FOR HIS ORGANIZATION AND OTHERS WHICH DEPEND ON FOREIGN CURRENCY,
TO OPERATE AT CURRENT LEVELS.
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